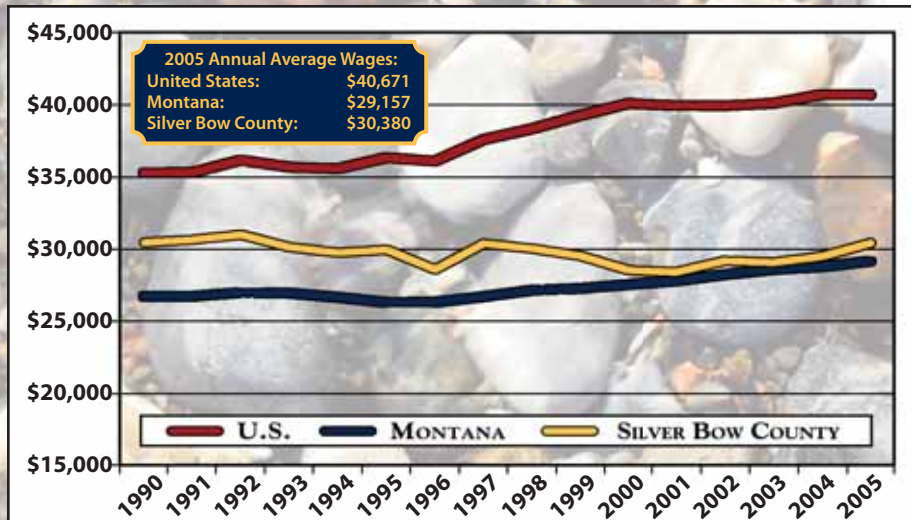


Annual Average Labor Force - Silver Bow County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	17,547	16,799	748	4.3%
2004	17,385	16,569	816	4.7%
2003	17,043	16,205	838	4.9%
2002	17,095	16,211	884	5.2%
2001	17,317	16,436	881	5.1%
2000	17,186	16,203	983	5.7%

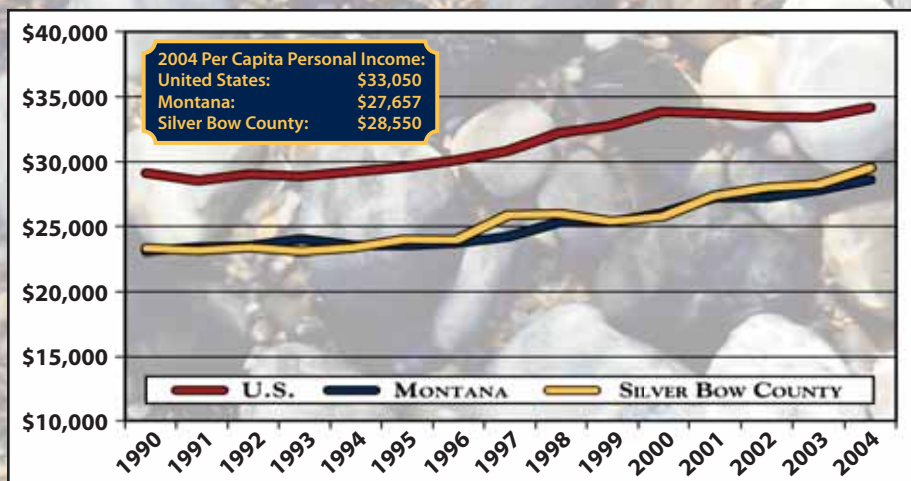
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Demographic & Economic Information for Silver Bow County

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SILVER BOW COUNTY

Silver Bow County is Montana's eighth most populous county, with an estimated 32,982 residents in 2005. In 1977, the county and the city of Butte consolidated their governments into a single entity known as Butte-Silver Bow. Among other Montana cities, the Butte-Silver Bow area ranks as the fifth most populous.¹ Other cities and towns in Silver Bow County include: Centerville, Divide, Melrose, Ramsay, Silver Bow, and Walkerville.

Butte, a former copper mining boomtown, was once Montana's largest city. While copper mining continues on a smaller scale, Butte's economy is now driven by more diverse sources, such as Health Care, Retail Trade, Utilities, and Tourism. A town rich in history and possessing one of the largest historical districts in the U.S., Butte has developed a successful "heritage tourism" industry. Non-residents spent an estimated \$67 million in Butte-Silver Bow in 2005.² Additionally, Butte has attracted several technology-based companies to the area, such as ASimi, Synesis7, Portlock Software, e-DOCS USA, and ITG World.³

Health Care & Social Assistance is the number one industry subsector in Silver Bow County, employing 2,611 people in 2005. Other significant subsectors include Retail Trade (with 2,033 employees), Accommodation & Food Services (1,676), and Educational Services (1,171). In 2005, the fastest growing subsectors of Silver Bow County's economy included Administrative & Waste Services (up 19.9% from 2004), Transportation & Warehousing (up 19.0%), Management of Companies & Enterprises (up 16.8%), and Construction (up 15.7%).³

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

²"Butte-Silver Bow Community Business Plan," Butte Local Development Corporation, www.buttemontana.org/Draft%20Business%20Plan%20final%20draft.pdf

³Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

Resources for Silver Bow County

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or (800) 735-6814
E-mail: chamber@buttecvb.com
www.butteinfo.org

Newspaper

Montana Standard
25 West Granite Street
Butte, MT 59701
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www.montanastandard.com

Job Service Workforce Center

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Economic Development

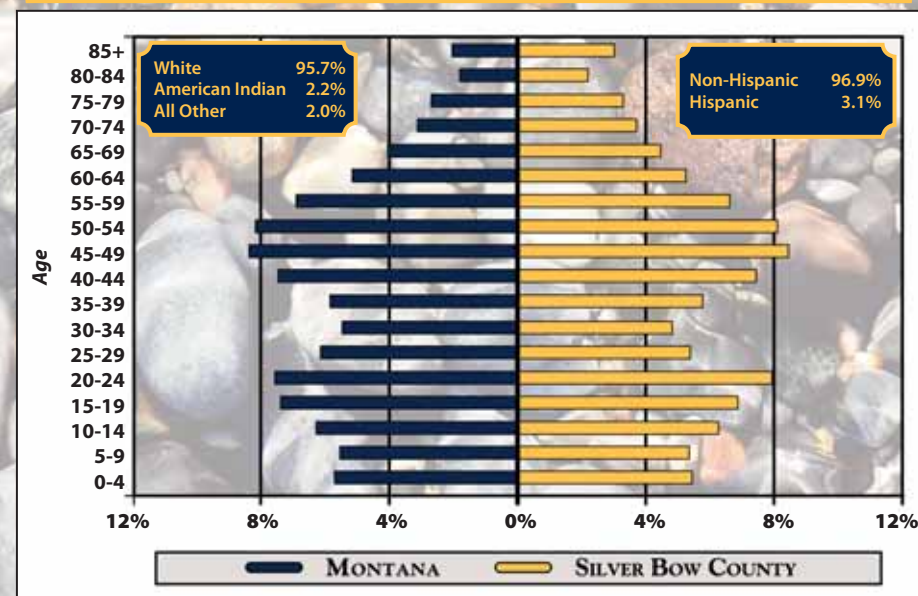
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Population for Silver Bow County & Related Areas

Geography	Total Population					
	Census	Estimates				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Montana	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670
Silver Bow County	34,606	33,768	33,438	33,222	33,067	32,982
Butte-Silver Bow *	33,892	33,072	32,749	32,532	32,368	32,282
Walkerville	714	696	689	690	699	700

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Silver Bow County, 2005



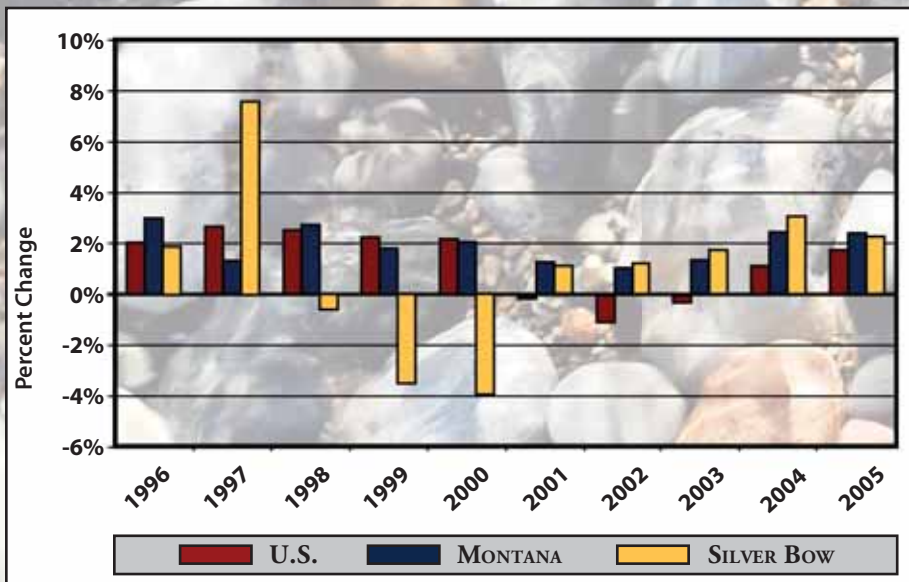
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Silver Bow County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	14.9%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	34.3%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	24.6%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	4.5%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	14.8%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	5.0%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.3%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.6%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Silver Bow County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 20 Private Employers in Silver Bow County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2005 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Advanced Silicon Materials	6	MSE Inc	6
Aware Inc.	6	Montana Resources	7
Butte Convalescent Center	6	Montana Standard	6
Butte GM Auto Center	5	Northwestern Energy	8
Children's Comprehensive Services	6	Pioneer Technical Services	5
Community Counseling & Correctional Service	7	Rocky Mountain Clinic	5
Community Health Center	5	Safeway	5
Crest Nursing Home	5	St James Community Hospital	8
Easter Seals - Goodwill	6	Town Pump	7
Harrington Restaurant Supply	6	Wal-Mart	7

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Silver Bow County

Farms

Farms: (number)	155
Land in farms (acres)	73,792
Average size of farms (acres)	476
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	135
1,000 acres or more	20
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	145
\$100,000 or more	10
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	146
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	9

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	5,937
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	291
Horses and ponies	758
Bison	56
Chickens (layers and broilers)	68
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	0
Winter wheat for grain	0
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	0
Barley for grain	0
Oats for grain	(D)
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	6,281

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	83
Other	72
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	139
Not on farm operated	16
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	42
10 years or more	113
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	78
55 years and over	77
Average age of operators: (number)	55.1

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
(D) - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Silver Bow County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,187	14,921	\$30,380
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,135	12,582	\$29,427
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	5	23	\$22,448
Crop production	1	*	*
Animal production	3	17	\$27,856
Agriculture & forestry support	1	*	*
MINING	4	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	1	*	*
Support activities for mining	3	41	\$39,363
UTILITIES	11	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	106	545	\$35,177
Construction of buildings	33	155	\$28,960
Heavy and civil engineering construction	9	52	\$61,032
Specialty trade contractors	64	339	\$34,078
MANUFACTURING	42	581	\$43,508
Food manufacturing	7	42	\$12,857
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3	109	\$25,897
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	4	16	\$13,512
Printing and related support activities	4	27	\$22,558
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	1	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	4	290	\$64,329
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	45	\$28,800
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	5	36	\$22,623
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	7	10	\$21,913
WHOLESALE TRADE	51	376	\$32,341
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	31	187	\$32,888
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	14	161	\$29,034
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	6	28	\$47,851
RETAIL TRADE	158	2,033	\$20,504
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	23	293	\$26,728
Furniture and home furnishings stores	16	94	\$30,776
Electronics and appliance stores	8	58	\$27,835
Building material & garden supply stores	14	132	\$25,517
Food and beverage stores	12	211	\$21,213
Health and personal care stores	7	53	\$24,739
Gasoline stations	11	187	\$15,473
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	17	66	\$12,785
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	15	120	\$10,837
General merchandise stores	8	638	\$19,296
Miscellaneous store retailers	23	158	\$14,051
Nonstore retailers	6	25	\$26,826
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	35	373	\$30,687
Air transportation	2	*	*

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	16	106	\$40,713
Transit and ground passenger transport	3	*	*
Pipeline transportation	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	7	101	\$26,906
Couriers and messengers	5	77	\$32,967
Warehousing and storage	2	*	*
INFORMATION	24	335	\$37,222
Publishing industries, except Internet	4	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	3	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	5	71	\$28,572
Telecommunications	10	118	\$55,217
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	2	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	57	310	\$42,856
Credit intermediation & related activity	24	204	\$31,465
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	10	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	22	64	\$53,831
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	44	180	\$18,089
Real estate	31	76	\$23,100
Rental and leasing services	13	104	\$14,444
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	108	769	\$44,852
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	50	590	\$28,552
Administrative and support services	46	556	\$28,692
Waste management and remediation service	3	34	\$26,271
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	11	145	\$13,385
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	150	2,584	\$26,248
Ambulatory health care services	93	898	\$29,061
Hospitals	3	801	\$33,716
Nursing and residential care facilities	18	536	\$16,656
Social assistance	36	349	\$16,595
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	45	424	\$13,205
Performing arts and spectator sports	7	34	\$15,867
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	3	20	\$9,715
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	35	370	\$13,147
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	121	1,675	\$11,107
Accommodation	17	386	\$11,127
Food services and drinking places	104	1,289	\$11,101
OTHER SERVICES	114	528	\$17,400
Repair and maintenance	41	171	\$21,313
Personal and laundry services	20	81	\$16,296
Membership associations & organizations	49	270	\$15,397
Private households	5	7	\$12,062
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	52	2,339	\$35,510
Local Government	10	1,139	\$32,207
State Government	20	897	\$33,896
Federal Government	22	303	\$52,717

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

* Data Not Disclosable

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)